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**ACCAPS Board of Directors Release Response to
Governor Jerry Brown's Prison Population Reduction Plan Filing**

The Association of California Cities Allied with Public Safety (ACCAPS) Board of Directors released the following statement in response to federal court filing on May 3, 2013 by Governor Jerry Brown and the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation to immediately reduce California's prison population by 10,000 inmates.

ACCAPS supports efforts made by the Governor and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to address inmate healthcare and mental health issues, eliminate overcrowding conditions at its 33 State prisons and the development of the Blueprint plan, approved by the State Legislature in April 2012, to end federal court oversight of California's prison system.

ACCAPS stands ready to assist the Governor and the CDCR in efforts to maintain public safety and reduce overcrowding at State prisons across the State through making available over 2,000 medium-level dormitory inmate beds at four public Community Correctional Facilities (CCFs) located in the cities of Coalinga, Delano, Shafter and Taft. Public CCFs are owned and operated by municipalities and staffed by local correctional officers with sworn peace officer status. Public CCFs provide inmate housing with enhanced public safety; intensive educational, drug-treatment and vocational programming to reduce recidivism; and are a competitive cost-effective alternative to sending inmates out-of-state and keeping California's dollars in-state. Additionally, ACCAPS believes that with the State making \$1.8 million in annual bond payments for the Shafter and Taft CCFs, both of which are currently empty of inmates, the use of those facilities makes cost-effective sense during these hard economic times. Public CCFs are poised to begin security upgrades in compliance with MCCF specifications, with all required security upgrades in place by December 2013, which would enable the State to comply with the demands of the court order.

ACCAPS plays an important role in representing communities across California that host State prisons and correctional facilities in their jurisdictions by working with State and local elected officials, stakeholders and partners to address public safety, prison and community issues of mutual concern. ACCAPS looks forwards to assisting the Governor and the CDCR in addressing the mandate by the Federal courts to reduce its inmate population while maintaining public safety in State prisons and correctional institutions and in communities across California.